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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 21

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS:

-- CENTRAL PRESS HAS MANY, SMALL U.S. RELATED  
ARTICLES WHICH, ON BALANCE, ARE NEGATIVE IN BOTH TONE AND  
CONTENT, AND LITGAZ HITS TRADE UNION VISA REFUSALS AGAIN;

-- PRAVDA JULY 21 CARRIES REPORT ON RECENT  
GIEREK SPEECH TO PARTY SECRETARIES GATHERED IN WARSAW.  
PRAVDA CITES GIEREK'S EXPLANATION OF GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED  
PRICE POLICY AND HIS STATEMENT THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD  
NOT RUSH MATTER BUT WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR PUBLIC TO BECOME  
CONVINCED OF CORRECTNESS OF MEASURES. GIEREK CONCLUDED,  
ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, WITH EXHORTATION TO PARTY ORGANIZATIONS  
TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC RESPECT FOR GOVERNMENT, OBSERVATION  
OF ITS LAWS AND UNDERSTANDING OF ITS INTERESTS:

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 21 HAS SMALL ARTICLE  
DESCRIBING BONN FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF NEW U.S. BRIGADE IN  
NORTH GERMANY "AT THAT MOMENT" WHEN FORCE REDUCTION TALKS  
ARE GOING ON IN VIENNA. KZ ALSO HAS YET ONE MORE TANK  
ARTICLE, THIS ONE ON POLITICAL-ECONOMIC MANEUVERING OF  
U.S. AND FRG OVER LEOPARD TANK;

-- "AGAINST SPIRIT OF HELSINKI" IS TITLE OF TASS  
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WASHINGTON PIECE CARRIED IN JULY 21 PJJVDA AND KRASNAYA  
ZVEZDA. ARTICLE DESCRIBES U.S. MAWESTERN EUROPEAN (FRG)  
INTEREST IN ECONOMIC COERCION AGAINST ITALY TO FORESTALL  
ITALIAN CP PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT. IZVESTIYA JULY  
20 HAS SIMILAR PIECE BY ITS PARIS SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT;

-- MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE REMAINS MORE OR LESS ANTI-  
SYRIAN INTERVENTION. IZVESTIYA JULY 20 HAS INTERESTING

UNSIGNED, UNDATED ARTICLE ON DANGER OF RIGHTIST "REGIONALIZATION" OF LEBANON. RIGHTIST SUCCESS IN CONSOLIDATING TERRITORY UNDER THEIR CONTROL IS ATTRIBUTED TO "MILITARY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TANKS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY" RECEIVED FROM ISRAEL AND WESTERN POWERS;

-- PRAVDA JULY 21 HAS LENGTHY POLEMICAL ARTICLE ON U.S.-NATO-S. AFRICAN INTERRELATIONSHIPS BY POLITICAL OBSERVER GEORGIY RATIANI. RATIANI DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THREAT OF WESTERN-SUPPORTED GROWTH OF S. AFRICAN NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AND TO REFUTATION OF IDEA THAT SECRETARY'S TALK WITH FORSTER COULD HAVE ANY BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON ACTIONS OF S. AFRICAN GOVERNMENT;

-- ON ASIA, IZVESTIYA JULY 20 HAS PAGE ONE "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" COLUMN BY V. MATVEEV LINKING REPORTS OF NEW U.S.-JAPANESE COMMITTEES ON MILITARY CONSULTATION WITH ALLEGED U.S. CONCEPT OF U.S-PRC DIVISION OF LABOR IN PACIFIC. MATVEEV CITES RECENT ARTICLE BY ADMIRAL MOORER CALLING FOR "SPHERE OF INFLUENCE" DIVISION IN REGION WITH PRC HAVING DOMINANT ROLE IN S.E. ASIA AND U.S. NAVAL AND MILITARY-AIR FORCES DEPLOYING ON "ADVANCED ISLAND BASES" AND IN JAPAN.

2. TWO POSITIVE ITEMS ON U.S.-- ARRIVAL IN U.S. OF BLOKHIN-KUBASOV DELEGATION AT INVITATION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP (PAGE ONE OF PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA) AND REPORT OF VIKING-1 LANDING (PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA) ARE OUT-WEIGHED BY A NUMBER OF OTHER U.S-RELATED ARTICLES WITH NEGATIVE CAST. AMONG THESE ARE:

-- PRAVDA JULY 21 ON RESUMPTION OF CONGRESSIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SESSION WHICH MUST DEAL WITH PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT, HIGH MILITARY BUDGET, AND REFORM OF TAX SYSTEM;

-- JULY 21 PRAVDA AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ON CYRUS EATON'S "PRESS STATEMENT" APPLAUDING IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, BUT CRITICIZING U.S. POLICIES, SUCH AS AGGRESSION IN S.E. ASIA, BLOCKADE AND ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE CUBA, OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE, AND SUPPORT OF "SPLITTERS" IN ANGOLA;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JULY 21 ON U.S. PULLOUT FROM THAILAND, TITLED "THEY BOTH GO AND STAY"; AND

-- JULY 21 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA UNDER "PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENTS" MENTIONS B-52 PATROLS OVER ATLANTIC AND DEPLOYMENT

OF RANGER TO INDIAN OCEAN WITH "POSSIBLE" POST CALL IN  
MOMBASA. LITGAZ, HOWEVER, IS THE DAY'S HEAVY,  
WITH A NEGATIVE-CUM-DOUBTFUL COMMENTARY ON GOVERNOR CARTER  
BY LITGAZ/NOVOSTI NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT GENNADIY  
GERASIMOV, AND A TEARFUL REPORT BY M. MAKSIMOV ON VISA  
REFUSAL TO SOVIET TRADE UNIONISTS INVITED BY MINERS,  
CITING AN APOLOGETIC LETTER FROM ARNOLD MILLER'S DEPUTY.  
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